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SUBJECT: CSCE: TABLING OF PEACEFUL CHANGE TEXT

REF: GENEVA 1796

1. USDEL TABLED PEACEFUL CHANGE TEXT AT OUTSET OF SUBCOMMITTEE'S MARCH 17 MEETING, PROPOSED ITS EARLY REGISTRATION IN FIRST PRINCIPLE ON SOVERIGN EQUALITY, AND SUGGESTED THAT SUBCOMMITTEE RETURN TO QUESTION ON MARCH 20. HOWEVER, WE ADDED THAT CONSIDERATION OF EXACT PLACEMENT OF SENTENCE WITHIN FIRST PRINCIPLE COULD BE DEFERRED FOR TIME BEING.

2. FRG AND SOVIETS LED IN WARM EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT ON BOTH THE TEXT AND ITS PLACEMENT IN THE FIRST PRINCIPLE, AND FRANCE, GDR, ITALY, SPAIN, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND, PORTUGAL, IRELAND, BULGARIA, UK, AND BELGIUM SPOKE IN SAME VEIN. FRANCE, ALTHOUGH FAVORING TEXT AND PLACEMENT IN FIRST PRINCIPLE, DEMURRED ON EARLY RECONFIDENTIAL

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GISTRATION AND ASSERTED THAT A LINKAGE EXISTS BETWEEN THE

PEACEFUL CHANGE TEXT, QUADRIPARTITE RIGHTS FORMULATION,
AND LANGUAGE ON THE INTERRELATIONSHIP BY PRINCIPLES.
ITALY HEDGED ITS SUPPORT OF TEXT SENTENCE, IN LINE
WITH POSITION ITALIAN DEL HAD TAKEN IN EARLIER NATO
CAUCUS DISCUSSIONS OF THIS ISSUE.

3. FRG SAID IT HAD PROBLEMS WITH ORDER OF CONCEPTS
IN TEXT, AS TRANSLATED INTO GERMAN BY SECRETARIAT
(DETAILS IN SEPTTEL). COMMENT: THESE PROBLEMS DO NOT
REPEAT NOT ARISE FROM DIFFERENCES BETWEEN RUSSIAN
TRANSLATION OF NEW US PROPOSAL AND THAT OF THE APRIL 5
FORMULATION (GENEVA 1746) END COMMENT.

4. ONLY INTERVENTION THAT DID NOT EXPRESS POSITIVE
SUPPORT FOR THE TEXT AND ITS PROPOSED PLACEMENT
WITHIN THE FIRST PRINCIPLE WAS THAT BY ROMANIAN DEL,
WHO DID NOT STATE EXPLICIT OBJECTIONS BUT INSISTED
THAT PEACEFUL CHANGE TEXT HAD TO BE CONSIDERED CAREFULLY AND THAT
DISCUSSION SHOULD THEREFORE BE DELAYED UNTIL SECOND READING
OF THE FIRST PRINCIPLE. ROMANIAN DEL ARGUED THAT A RETURN TO DIS-
CUSSION OF THIS TEXT ON MARCH 20 WOULD CONSTITUTE A SECOND READING
OF THE FIRST PRINCIPLE, WHICH IS NOT PERMISSIBLE UNTIL
COMPLETION OF DRAFTING OF ALL PRINCIPLES AND THE FINAL
CLAUSES. SOVIETS CHALLENGED THIS ARGUMENT, AND
LENGTHY AND INCONCLUSIVE PROCEDURAL DEBATE FOLLOWED.
EXCHANGES WERE TIRESOME BUT COURTEOUS AND NO ONE
CAME OUT OF IT FEELING BLOODIED.

5. CURRENT SOVIET PREFERENCE FOR DEALING WITH
ISSUES ON MARCH 20 IS FOR CHAIRMAN TO REMIND SUB-
COMMITTEE OF US PROPOSAL THAT DISCUSSION OF PEACE-
FUL CHANGE TEXT BE RESUMED ON MARCH 20. WHEN
ROMANIANS OBJECT, AS THEY WILL, SOVIETS SEEM PRE-
PARED TO LET MATTER LAPSE WITHOUT FURTHER PROTRACTED
DEBATE. WE WILL OF COURSE CONSULT WITH KEY ALLIED
DELEGATIONS, BUT ARE REASONABLY CERTAIN THEY WILL NOT
WISH TO PRESS FORWARD IN FACE OF ROMANIAN OBSTINACY
AND FRENCH HESITATIONS. DALE

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